College of Marin

High Failure Rate Courses-Fall 2015 Through Fall 2018

Substantial work has been done at COM to improve students' success since our last report on high failure rate courses. The current report covers the time period since that last report. At that time, 28 courses were considered high failure. The criteria for consideration included enrollment of at least 70 students and a success rate less than 70% in at least half of the semesters in the analysis. COM's institution-set standard for course success is 70%. This is the rate below which course success shouldn't drop without investigating the reason and applying a remedy.

During the current time period, slightly fewer courses enrolled more than 70 students. Consequently, the enrollment criterion for considering whether courses were reviewed for their success rate was reduced to 50 in the majority of the semesters. The criterion for determining high failure continues to be courses with a success rate less than the institution-set standard of 70%. In this time period, 11 courses were high failure courses. Those courses are shown in the tables below. Five courses that were high failure in the previous report are still high failure in this time period: English 120, Math 95, Math 101, Math 103 and Biology 110.

High Failure Rate Courses											
Fall 2015 through Fall 2018											
	Fall 2015			Fall 2016			Fall 2017			Fall 2018		
Course	Headcount	Passed	Success	Headcount	Passed	Success	Headcount	Passed	Success	Headcount	Passed	Success
ENGL 120	193	124	64.2%	201	143	71.1%	207	128	61.8%	145	95	65.5%
ENGL 150	360	237	65.8%	336	236	70.2%	389	284	73.0%	451	302	67.0%
ENGL 151	200	136	68.0%	212	150	70.8%	203	136	67.0%	172	112	65.1%
MATH 95	0			0			155	78	50.3%	124	57	46.0%
BIOL 110	273	129	47.3%	207	125	60.4%	185	113	61.1%	199	117	58.8%
MATH 101	164	69	42.1%	172	88	51.2%	171	66	38.6%	152	57	37.5%
MATH 103	310	150	48.4%	321	136	42.4%	308	169	54.9%	287	129	44.9%
MATH 109	62	23	37.1%	60	34	56.7%	63	26	41.3%	56	13	23.2%
MATH 121	51	30	58.8%	59	36	61.0%	62	49	79.0%	65	46	70.8%
HIST 100	45	30	66.7%	62	41	66.1%	50	28	56.0%	54	35	64.8%
KIN 113A	0			0			165	98	59.4%	114	79	69.3%

	Spring 2016			Spring 2017			Spring 2018		
Course	Headcount	Passed	Success	Headcount	Passed	Success	Headcount	Passed	Success
ENGL 120	138	71	51.4%	125	74	59.2%	123	73	59.3%
ENGL 150	360	249	69.2%	351	261	74.4%	358	241	67.3%
ENGL 151	220	146	66.4%	236	173	73.3%	170	124	72.9%
MATH 95	0			0			111	52	46.8%
BIOL 110	209	103	49.3%	194	116	59.8%	185	120	64.9%
MATH 101	139	35	25.2%	116	44	37.9%	136	61	44.9%
MATH 103	263	106	40.3%	295	149	50.5%	225	96	42.7%
MATH 109	64	17	26.6%	54	18	33.3%	43	14	32.6%
MATH 121	51	27	52.9%	60	38	63.3%	70	47	67.1%
HIST 100	45	25	55.6%	49	34	69.4%	53	38	71.7%
KIN 113A	0			0			156	121	77.6%